

TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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DIGEST

Temporarily amends 312 IAC 9 to establish a season in February 2009 for taking Canada geese (*Branta canadensis*) in 30 Indiana counties. Establishes a season in spring 2009 for taking lesser snow geese and Ross's geese in support of a federal effort to control the numbers of these geese. Effective February 1, 2009.

SECTION 1. (a) This SECTION is supplemental to 312 IAC 9-4.

(b) A person may take a Canada goose (*Branta canadensis*) under this SECTION of this document from February 1 through February 15, 2009.

(c) A person must obtain a free permit from the department to take a Canada goose under this SECTION.

(d) In order to take a Canada goose under this SECTION, a person must satisfy all of the following requirements:

(1) Possess one of the following valid Indiana hunting licenses:

- (A) resident yearly hunting license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-1(a)(2);**
- (B) resident yearly hunting and fishing license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-1(a)(3);**
- (C) nonresident yearly hunting license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-1(a)(6);**
- (D) nonresident five-day hunting license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-1(a)(10);**
- (E) resident youth consolidated hunting license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24) or IC 14-22-11-10(b);**
- (F) disabled American veteran's hunting license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-1.5;**
- (G) an apprentice hunting license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-1.7;**
- (H) lifetime basic hunting license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-7(a)(2),**
- (I) lifetime comprehensive hunting license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);**
- (J) lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5);**

or be exempt from needing a license as authorized in IC 14-22-11-1.

(2) Possess a valid Indiana waterfowl stamp privilege issued under IC 14-22-7-4.

(3) Possess a valid Harvest Information Program registration number issued under 312 IAC 9-4-2.

(4) Possess a valid and signed federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp under 16 USC 718a.

(d) A person must comply with all requirements for hunting waterfowl in 50 CFR 20, IC 14-22-6, and 312 IAC 9.

(e) A person may take a Canada goose in the following counties only:

- (1) Adams**
- (2) Allen**
- (3) Boone**
- (4) Clay**
- (5) De Kalb**
- (6) Elkhart**
- (7) Greene**
- (8) Hamilton**
- (9) Hancock**

- (10) Hendricks
- (11) Huntington
- (12) Johnson
- (13) Kosciusko
- (14) Lagrange
- (15) LaPorte
- (16) Madison
- (17) Marion
- (18) Marshall
- (19) Morgan
- (20) Noble
- (21) Parke
- (22) Shelby
- (23) Starke
- (24) Steuben
- (25) St. Joseph
- (26) Sullivan
- (27) Vermillion
- (28) Vigo
- (29) Wells
- (30) Whitley

(f) A person may take no more than five (5) Canada geese per day. The possession limit is ten (10) Canada geese.

(g) A person who takes a Canada goose under this SECTION must cause delivery of the goose to an official goose checking station within forty-eight (48) hours of taking the goose or by 3:00 p.m. local time on February 15, 2009, whichever is sooner.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this document expires February 16, 2009.

SECTION 3. (a) This SECTION of this document is supplemental to 312 IAC 9-4.

(b) A person may take a lesser snow goose (*Anser caerulescens*) or a Ross's goose (*Anser rossii*) under this SECTION of this document from February 16, 2009 through March 31, 2009.

(c) In order to hunt a lesser snow goose or a Ross's goose under this SECTION, a person must satisfy all of the following requirements:

(1) Possess one of the following valid Indiana hunting licenses:

- (A) resident yearly hunting license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-1(a)(2);
- (B) resident yearly hunting and fishing license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-1(a)(3);
- (C) nonresident yearly hunting license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-1(a)(6);
- (D) nonresident five-day hunting license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-1(a)(10);
- (E) resident youth consolidated hunting license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24) or IC 14-22-11-10(b);
- (F) disabled American veteran's hunting license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-1.5;
- (G) an apprentice hunting license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-1.7;
- (H) lifetime basic hunting license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-7(a)(2);
- (I) lifetime comprehensive hunting license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
- (J) lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license pursuant to IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5);

or be exempt from needing a license as authorized in IC 14-22-11-1.

(2) Possess a valid Indiana waterfowl stamp privilege issued under IC 14-22-7-4.

(d) In addition to the requirements in subsection (c), a person must obtain a free permit from the department to take a lesser snow goose or Ross's goose under this SECTION.

(e) Notwithstanding 312 IAC 9-4-2, a person taking a lesser snow goose or Ross's goose under this SECTION is exempted from the requirements to register for and possess an identification number through the Harvest Information Program.

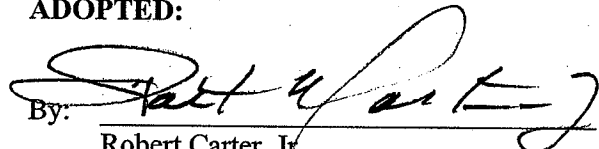
SECTION 4. SECTION 3 of this document expires on April 1, 2009.

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